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BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREE

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1 May 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject: War Diary, April 1945.

Reference: (a) Pac Fleet conf. ltr. 1CL-45.

Enclosure: (A) Monthly Operation Summary, April 1945.

1 April

ORGANIZATION

(a) Administrative:

Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet.
Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet.
Commander Fleet Air, West Coast.
Commander Fleet Airships Pacific.
Blimp Squadron Thirty-Three - Tillamook, Oregon.
Lieutenant Commander Frederick N. Klein, Jr., USNR.

(b) Operational:

Commander, Western Sea Frontier (Task Force 06)
Commander, Northwestern Group, Western Sea Frontier. (Task Group 06.3)
Commander Aircraft, Northwestern Group, Western Sea Frontier. (Task Unit 06.3.1)
Commander Fleet Airship Wing Three.
Blimp Squadron Thirty-Three - NAS Tillamook, Oregon.
5 ZNP: K-37, K-71, K-79, K-87, K-119.

Operations during April consisted mainly of escorts and patrol operations within the Northwestern Sector of the Western Sea Frontier. The average daily availability as of the close of the month is four airships which are customarily utilized for escort missions, special missions, radar calibration tests and exercises, air-sea rescue patrols, and weather observation and reporting.

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2 April

K-87 sighted a floating mine four miles off the entrance to Grays Harbor, Washington. Air Control, Northwestern Sector, Western Sea Frontier was notified and the K-87 was directed to obtain photographs and to standby pending the arrival of surface craft. Coast Guard surface craft arrived but were unable to detonate the mine. The K-87 then attempted to explode the mine, firing approximately 250 rounds of .50 calibre. At least one direct hit was scored but detonation did not occur. The K-119 relieved the K-87 and after firing about 50 rounds of .50 calibre was successful in exploding the mine. The mine was subsequently identified by the Mine Disposal Officer, 13th Naval District, as being a Japanese Type 93, Model 1 mine.

By Commander Fleet Airship Wing 3 speed letter received this date the K-103 was transferred from this command to Commander Fleet Airship Wing 3 as of 18 March 1945.

3 April

On the report of civilians sighting a submarine off the mouth of the Salmon River, Oregon, Air Control, Northwestern Sector, Western Sea Frontier directed this command to conduct a search. The K-87 and K-71 searched the area. Results were negative.

K-119 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

5 April

K-37 and K-87 conducted search for mine in vicinity of JPEX 0589. Results were negative.

K-119 conducted radar calibration for USS LAMSON (DD 367) in vicinity of Puget Sound Navy Yard.

6 April

K-119 conducted radar calibration for USS HARADEN (DD 585) in vicinity of Puget Sound Navy Yard.

K-87 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

7 April

K-119 conducted radar calibration for USS ROWAN (DD 782) and also operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

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9 April

K-37 and K-87 conducted search for mine 40 miles west of Yaquina Head. Results were negative.

10 April

K-37 conducted search for mine in vicinity of 44° 47' N., 125° 00' W. Results were negative.
K-119 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

11 April

K-37 conducted search for mine 15 miles due west of Cape Lookout. Results were negative.
K-119 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yrad.

12 April

K-71, while on an air-sea rescue patrol, received a message from the SS MAHIMAHI for relay to the offices of the Matson Line in Seattle, Washington regarding the arrival time of the ship.
K-119 conducted radar calibration for USS CHARETTE (DD 581).
K-87 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

13 April

K-87 conducted radar calibration for USS SIBONEY (CVE 112).
K-71 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

14 April

K-119 conducted radar calibration for USS CONNOR (DD 582).
K-37 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

15 April

K-119 conducted radar calibration for USS BURNS (DD 588).

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16 April

K-37 searched area in vicinity of JPAD 0631 on report of receipt of IFF code 5 signal. Results were negative.

K-79 conducted radar calibration for USS BELL (DD 587).

17 April

K-79 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

18 April

This command, together with other units under the operational control of Commander, Northwestern Sector, Western Sea Frontier, participated in a communications drill.

K-37 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

19 April

K-79 conducted radar calibration for USS TICONDEROGA (CV 14).

20 April

K-79 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

21 April

K-79 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

24 April

K-87 made two flights for the purpose of demonstrating air-sea rescue gear to RCAF observers. An officer of this command was successfully "rescued" from Tillamook Bay during the demonstration.

K-79 conducted radar calibration for USS VELLA GULF (CVE 111).

K-37 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

25 April

K-71 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

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26 April

K-37 and K-79 conducted radar calibration for USS TENNESSEE (BB 43).
K-71 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

28 April

K-119 sighted an empty life raft 5 miles NW of Destruction Island. Air Plot, Astoria was notified.
K-87 participated in exercises at Vancouver, B.C., in connection with the Canadian War Loan Drive.
K-79 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

There were no non-operational days during the month. Weather data recorded at NAS Tillamook indicated that in the month of April there were 25 days with precipitation. Total precipitation was 6.37 inches. Wind in gusts up to 35 knots was recorded.

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1	K37	LT(JG) AYERS (8)	UTILITY	0718	11.9	11.9	28	000t	40	476	22-36, 1000-UNL, 10-30	1 MK 4 FLARE	OFF SHORE WEATHER REPORTING FLIGHT FOR RAE 13 ND AEROLOGY DEPARTMENT.
1	K71	LT(JG) ZDRALE (9)	PATROL (ASR)	0658	12.0	11.1	13	000t	50	600	11-16, UNL, UNL		ASR PATROL ABLE. POINT BROWN TO CAPE FLATTERY, 10 MILES OFF SHORE.
1	K87	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (9)	PATROL (ASR)	0709	11.9	11.1	19	000t	47	559	5-18, UNL, UNL		ASR PATROL BAKER. POINT BROWN TO YAQUINA HEAD, 10 MILES OFF SHORE.
1	K119	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	MISCELLANEOUS	0850	2.3		5	310t	52	120	5, UNL, 30		FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAAS SHELTON TO NAS TILLAMOOK.
2	K37	LT(JG) KRALEN (8)	ESCORT (1)	0626	13.3	12.9	25	340t	37	492	20-30, 3000-5000, 20		ESCORTED USS NASHVILLE (CL 43)
2	K71	LT(JG) BAILEY (8)	ESCORT (1)	1138	14.3	13.7	18	320t	40	572	12-24, 3000, 10-30		ESCORTED USS NASHVILLE (CL 43)
2	K87	LIEUT. SUHR (8)	PATROL (ASR)	0732	13.3	12.9	21	320t	47	625	12-27, 2000-3000, 8-20	250 RDS 50 CAL 10 MK 5 FLARES 3 DYE MARKERS	ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE. SIGHTED MINE 4 MILES OFF GRAYS HARBOR.
2	K119	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	TRAINING	0726	9.6	9.6	15	310t	50	480	10-30, 2000-3000, 20		CONDUCTED FLIGHT TO TRAIN AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN USE OF ASR GEAR.
2	K119	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	UTILITY	1732	3.7	3.7	25	310t	50	185	20-30, 2500, 10-20	50 RDS 50 CAL	DETONATED MINE SIGHTED BY K87.
3	K37	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	PATROL (ASR)	0719	12.1	11.5	8	270t	45	545	6-12, 4000-UNL, 10-30		ASR PATROL IN AREA BAKER.
3	K71	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (9)	PATROL (ASR)	0659	11.8	11.1	7	270t	48	566	5-12, 1500-2500, 16	6 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE.
3	K71	LT(JG) ZOELLER (9)	SEARCH	1947	5.0	4.4	15	180t	40	200	15, 1000-2000, 20	2 MK 41 DEPTH BOMBS	CONDUCTED SUBMARINE SEARCH OFF THE MOUTH OF SALMON RIVER, OREGON. RESULTS NEGATIVE. BOMBS FOR BALLAST.
3	K87	LIEUT. KLICK (9)	SEARCH	0730	13.5	12.9	7	310t	43	581	5-10, 2000-UNL, 8-UNL	2 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	CONDUCTED SUBMARINE SEARCH OFF THE MOUTH OF SALMON RIVER, OREGON. RESULTS NEGATIVE.
3	K119	LT(JG) PRIEST (10)	UTILITY	0655	9.5	9.5	7	270t	50	475	0-15, 2000-UNL, 5-UNL		OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
4	K71	LIEUT. SUHR (8)	PATROL (ASR)	0845	1.7	.9	36	180t	12	20	30-40, 600-1000, 1-2	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB 3 MK 47 DEPTH BOMBS	ASR PATROL IN AREA BAKER. BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
4	K119	LT(JG) ZDRALE (8)	MISCELLANEOUS	0839	2.2	2.2	13	120t	50	120	12-15, 500-1500, 2-5		CALIBRATION OF USS MAC DONOUGH (DD 351) SECURED PRIOR TO CALIBRATION DUE WEATHER.
5	K37	LT(JG) ZIMEL (9)	SEARCH	0942	10.2	9.7	24	220t	44	449	19-26, 0-3000, 2-15		CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE JPEX 0589 RESULTS NEGATIVE.
5	K71	LT(JG) AYERS (9)	PATROL (ASR)	0932	9.6	8.9	18	210t	34	326	15-21, 1000-3000, 15		ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE.
5	K87	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (9)	SEARCH	1205	9.5	8.0	25	180t	55	523	22-27, 1000-2000, 12	60 RDS 50 CAL	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE JPEX 0589 RESULTS NEGATIVE.
5	K119	LT(JG) PRIEST (7)	UTILITY	1318	3.9	3.9	25	220t	40	156	10-30, 2000-UNL, UNL		CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS LAWSON (DD 367).
6	K71	LT(JG) BAILEY (8)	PATROL (ASR)	0720	12.1	11.5	25	240t	41	496	20-30, 2000-3000, 15		ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE.
6	K87	LIEUT. SUHR (9)	UTILITY	0638	12.7	12.7	18	210t	45	572	10-26, 2000, 2-20		OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
6	K119	LT(JG) ZDRALE (9)	UTILITY	0846	6.2	6.2	25	180t	30	186	15-30, 500-2000, 5-20		CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS HARADEN (DD565(
7	K37	LT(JG) AYERS (8)	PATROL (ASR)	0708	8.5	7.9	14	180t	46	391	7-12, 600-1000, 2-8		ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE.
7	K71	LIEUT. KLICK (9)	PATROL (ASR)	0856	6.1	5.4	13	060t	50	305	11-16, 300-600, 2-3	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB 3 MK 47 DEPTH BOMBS	ASR PATROL CHARLIE. YAQUINA HEAD TO CAPE BLANCO, 10 MILES OFF SHORE. BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
7	K87	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (10)	MISCELLANEOUS	0650	4.9	4.9	15	110t	55	270	10-25, 400-700, 3-5	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB 1 MK 47 DEPTH BOMB	SCHEDULED CALIBRATION CANCELLED DUE WEATHER. BOMBS FOR BALLAST.
7	K87	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (9)	PATROL (ASR)	1151	2.2	1.4	12	090t	50	110	5-15, 1000, 5-10	60 RDS 50 CAL	ASR PATROL IN AREA BAKER.
7	K119	LT(JG) PRIEST (8)	UTILITY	0835	6.4	6.4	12	045t	45	289	5-15, 1000-4000, 10-20		CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS ROWAN (DD 782). COMPLETED OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
8	K37	LT(JG) ZOELLER (8)	PATROL (ASR)	0719	12.0	11.0	20	300t	40	480	14-25, 1000-2000, 5-10		ASR PATROL IN AREA CHARLIE.
8	K71	LT(JG) BAILEY (10)	PATROL (ASR)	0724	11.6	11.1	15	340t	40	464	10-20, 2000-UNL, 10-15		ASR PATROL IN AREA BAKER.
8	K87	LT(JG) OERZEN (9)	ESCORT (2)	0730	12.0	11.2	40	340t	34	408	30-50, 2000-3000, 30		ESCORTED SS SEA PARTRIDGE AND SS SEA QUAIL.

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DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS IN AIR	HOURS ON MISSION	AVE. WIND VEL. (KTS)	AVE. WIND DIR.	SPD.	DIST.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
8	K119	LT(JG) PRIEST (8)	PATROL (ASR)	0644	10.2	7.9	25	340t	40	408	15-40, 2000-3000, UNL		ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE.
9	K37	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	SEARCH	0705	11.9	11.1	18	320t	43	512	10-26, 500-3000, 4-20		CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE 40 MILES WEST OF YAQUINA HEAD. RESULTS NEGATIVE.
9	K71	LT(JG) GARBE (9)	PATROL (ASR)	0735	12.6	11.8	12	320t	51	643	5-18, 3000, 5-20		ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE.
9	K87	LIEUT. KLICK (8)	SEARCH	0647	12.1	11.2	18	270t	40	484	11-27, 500-2000, 5-30		CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE 40 MILES WEST OF YAQUINA HEAD. RESULTS NEGATIVE.
9	K119	LT(JG) AYERS (8)	PATROL (ASR)	0631	9.6	7.9	20	310t	29	278	10-25, 500-1000, 10		ASR PATROL IN AREA BAKER. LANDED NAAS SHELTON.
10	K37	LIEUT. SUHR (8)	ESCORT (1)	0853	12.0	11.4	15	255t	45	540	12-17, 2000, 8-17		ESCORTED USS WHARTON(AP 7). CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN VICINITY OF 44° 42' N, 125° 00'W. RESULTS NEGATIVE.
10	K71	LT(JG) ZOELLER (9)	ESCORT (1)	0954	11.7	10.8	20	270t	45	527	15-25, 100-3000, 15		ESCORTED USS BASP (CV 18)
10	K87	LIEUT. LEWIS (9)	ESCORT (1)	0428	11.4	10.6	13	260t	30	342	10-15, 2000, 15		ESCORTED USS WHARTON (AP 7)
10	K119	LT(JG) ZDRALE (8)	UTILITY	0824,	8.3	8.3	20	210t	40	332	10-30, 1000-2000, 10		OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
11	K37	LIEUT. KLICK (9)	SEARCH	0713	12.1	11.2	21	270t	40	484	15-30, 1500-5000, 20		CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE 15 MILES DUE WEST OF CAPE LOOKOUT. RESULTS NEGATIVE.
11	K71	LIEUT. TYLER (8)	PATROL (ASR)	0710	12.0	11.3	27	320t	40	480	15-37, 500-2500, 20		ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE.
11	K87	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	PATROL (ASR)	0719	12.2	11.6	33	320t	48	586	22-40, 500-2500, 10	50 RDS 30 CAL	ASR PATROL IN AREA BAKER.
11	K119	LT(JG) AYERS (8)	UTILITY	0838	9.7	9.7	15	220t	40	388	4-35, 2000-3000, 2-15		OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
12	K37	LT(JG) BAILEY (9)	PATROL (ASR)	0704	12.0	11.2	11	310t	40	480	8-15, UNL, 20-30		ASR PATROL IN AREA CHARLIE.
12	K71	LT(JG) ZOELLER (10)	PATROL (ASR)	0719	11.9	11.1	12	310t	50	595	9-15, 2000, 15-25	150 RDS 50 CAL 6 MK 5 FLARES	ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE.
12	K87	LIEUT. SUHR (9)	UTILITY	0659	12.0	12.0	12	310t	48	576	10-15, 3000-5000, 15		OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
12	K119	LT(JG) ZDRALE (7)	UTILITY	0826	6.7	6.7	6	045t	50	335	5-10, 2000, 25		CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS CHARETTE (DD 581)
13	K37	LIEUT. KLICK (9)	PATROL (ASR)	0709	12.0	11.5	9	320t	45	540	5-12, UNL, UNL		ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE.
13	K71	LT(JG) ZIMEL (9)	UTILITY	0651	12.0	12.0	10	320t	40	480	8-14, UNL, 10-25		OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
13	K87	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	UTILITY	0657	12.1	12.1	6	320t	45	545	2-10, 7000, UNL		CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS SIBONEY (CVE 112)
13	K119	LT(JG) AYERS (8)	MISCELLANEOUS	0817	8.0	8.0	4	180t	40	320	2-8, 400-3000, 10		SCHEDULED CALIBRATION WITH USS CONNER (DD 582) NOT ACCOMPLISHED DUE TO DD's GEAR BEING INOPERATIVE.
14	K37	LIEUT. LEWIS (10)	UTILITY	0647	12.2	12.2	10	220t	28	342	5-15, 5000-UNL, UNL		OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
14	K71	LIEUT. SUHR (11)	PATROL (ASR)	0654	11.8	11.0	10	343t	38	448	5-16, UNL, UNL		ASR PATROL IN AREA CHARLIE.
14	K79	LIEUT. CARTON (10)	TEST	0838	1.4		2	270t	45	63	0-4, 3500, 20		TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES.
14	K79	LIEUT. GIBSON (10)	TEST	1014	1.3		5	270t	45	59	5, 3500, 15		TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES.
14	K79	LT(JG) ZOELLER (9)	TRAINING	1143	3.9	3.9	2	270t	40	156	1-3, 3000-5000, UNL		CONDUCTED DEMONSTRATION OF ASR EQUIPMENT.
14	K119	LT(JG) MACKEY (8)	UTILITY	0829	6.9	6.9	5	210t	50	345	2-10, 3000, 5-15		CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS CONNER (DD 582)
15	K71	LT(JG) ZIMEL (10)	ESCORT (1)	0304	15.6	15.0	23	320t	40	624	15-35, 2000, 18		ESCORTED SS CAPE NEDDICAN
15	K119	LT(JG) ZDRALE (8)	UTILITY	0917	9.3	9.3	15	320t	52	484	10-20, 3000, 0-10		CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS BURNS (DD 588)
16	K37	LT(JG) BAILEY (9)	SEARCH	0643	12.3	11.7	8	310t	40	492	5-10, UNL, UNL		SEARCHED AREA IN VICINITY OF JPAD 0631 ON REPORT OF RECEIPT OF IFF CODE 5 SIGNAL, RESULTS NEGATIVE.
16	K71	LT(JG) WHALEN (10)	ESCORT (1)	0300	14.1	13.3	12	230t	50	705	8-15, 4000, 20		ESCORTED SS KOTA BANOR
16	K79	LT(JG) ZOELLER (8)	UTILITY	0638	9.2	9.2	2	310t	40	368	1-3, 9000, 15		CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS BELL (DD 587)
16	K119	LIEUT. LEWIS (9)	ESCORT (1)	0852	14.4	13.7	9	310t	35	504	7-12, UNL, UNL		ESCORTED SS KOTA BANOR

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17	K37	LIEUT. GUSTAFSON (9)	ESCORT (9)	0302	13.4	12.9	9	150t	47	630	3-15, 5000, 3-20		ESCORTED 9 LSTs
17	K71	LT(JG) ZDRALE (8)	ESCORT (1)	0309	14.4	13.9	14	180t	53	763	10-18, 3000, 1-25	2 MK 5 FLARES 1 MK 4 FLARE	ESCORTED SS AZALEA CITY
17	K79	LT(JG) AYERS (8)	UTILITY	0825	8.0	8.0	6	090t	35	280	4-8, 4000, 8-12		OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
17	K119	LIEUT. KLICK (8)	ESCORT (1)	0843	14.3	13.9	12	150t	48	686	3-16, 2000-3000, 20		ESCORTED 9 LSTs
18	K37	LIEUT. WOERFEL (9)	UTILITY	0632	12.7	12.7	10	310t	26	330	5-17, 3000, 30		OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
18	K71	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	ESCORT (1)	0500	14.3	13.8	7	270t	50	715	3-10, 3000-UNL, UNL		ESCORTED SS KOTA INTEN
18	K79	LT(JG) ZOELLER (9)	UTILITY	0826	9.3	9.3	10	180t	35	326	5-15, 4000, 15		CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS TICONDEROGA (CV 14)
18	K119	LT(JG) BAILEY (10)	ESCORT (1)	0258	15.4	14.7	12	225t	34	524	11-13, 3000, 0-20		ESCORTED SS KOTA INTEN
19	K37	LT(JG) RICHARDSON (9)	TRAINING	0644	12.5	12.5	4	270t	50	625	2-7, 0-300, 0-1	55 RDS 50 CAL	MISSION NOT CONTACTED DUE WEATHER; CONDUCTED RADIO AND RADAR NAVIGATION FLIGHT.
19	K71	LT(JG) ZDRALE (9)	ESCORT (1)	0257	15.7	15.0	10	220t	57	895	8-12, 0-5000, 0-10	1 MK 4 FLARE	ESCORTED SS MORMACLOVE
19	K79	LT(JG) MACKEY (10)	UTILITY	1219	5.6	5.6	5	045t	40	224	4-6, 3000, 5		CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS TICONDEROGA (CV 14)
19	K119	LIEUT. KLICK (9)	MISCELLANEOUS	0923	1.7	1.7	8	310t	40	68	7-10, 200-300, 5		RETURNED TO BASE DUE TO FAILURE OF OIL CIRCULATION SYSTEM, COMPLETED MISSION AS NOTED IN FOLLOWING ENTRY
19	K119	LIEUT. KLICK (9)	ESCORT (3)	1248	7.5	7.0	5	270t	44	330	1-11, 0-500, 0-UNL		ESCORTED USS MAHOPAC (ATO 29) AND ATR 69 TOWING HULL OF USS SICILY (CVE 118)
20	K37	LT(JG) WHALEN (8)	UTILITY	0730	10.8	10.8	20	195t	45	486	14-25, 0-3000, 0-10		OFF SHORE WEATHER REPORTING FLIGHT FOR NAB 13 ND AEROLOGY DEPARTMENT
20	K71	LIEUT. SUHR (9)	PATROL (ASR)	0708	11.3	10.6	10	200t	45	509	3-12, 150-1000, 0-20		ASR PATROL IN AREA CHARLIE.
20	K79	LT(JG) ZOELLER (6)	UTILITY	0825	6.4	6.4	7	220t	40	256	7-17, 3000-5000, 20		OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
20	K87	LT(JG) BIRKMIRE (12)	TEST	0842	1.7		4	220t	40	68	3-6, 3000, 10		TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES.
20	K87	LT(JG) BIRKMIRE (15)	TEST	1030	2.3		4	220t	40	92	3-5, 3000, 10		TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES.
20	K87	LIEUT. WOERFEL (12)	TRAINING	1315	3.8	3.8	5	210t	30	114	3-8, 2000, 10		CONDUCTED FLIGHT TO TRAIN AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN USE OF ASR GEAR.
20	K119	LIEUT. LEWIS (8)	PATROL (ASR)	0702	13.4	12.8	25	180t	24	322	20-30, 100-UNL, 1-UNL	6 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	ASR PATROL IN SECTOR ABLE.
21	K37	LIEUT. KLICK (8)	ESCORT (5)	0658	16.3	15.7	22	310t	44	717	19-26, 1500-UNL, 10-20		ESCORTED LSTs 46, 48, 283, 883, 1020
21	K71	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	ESCORT (1)	0304	15.6	15.1	35	305t	45	707	24-38, 400-5000, UNL		ESCORTED SS JOHN B KERRS
21	K79	LT(JG) AYERS (9)	UTILITY	0825	9.9	9.9	20	320t	35	347	17-25, 2000-3000, 20		OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
21	K87	LIEUT. WOERFEL (10)	TRAINING	1318	2.1	2.1	10	320t	25	53	10-15, 2000-UNL, 10-20		CONDUCTED FLIGHT TO TRAIN AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN USE OF ASR GEAR.
21	K87	LIEUT. WOERFEL (11)	TRAINING	1558	1.1	1.1	10	320t	22	24	10-15, 2000-UNL, 10-20		CONDUCTED FLIGHT TO TRAIN AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN USE OF ASR GEAR.
22	K37	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	ESCORT (1)	1033	11.6	11.0	10	320t	40	464	15-35, UNL, 20-30		ESCORTED AND ACTED AS PLANE GUARD FOR USS TICONDEROGA (CV 14)
22	K71	LIEUT. SUHR (8)	ESCORT (1)	0551	13.1	12.5	25	000t	45	590	12-30, UNL, UNL		ESCORTED USS TICONDEROGA (CV 14)
22	K79	LT(JG) BAILEY (10)	PATROL (ASR)	0700	12.0	11.4	8	320t	40	480	5-10, UNL, 20-30		ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE.
22	K87	LIEUT. WOERFEL (9)	TRAINING	1313	1.0	1.0	14	320t	30	30	12-22, UNL, UNL		CONDUCTED FLIGHT TO TRAIN AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN USE OF ASR GEAR.
22	K87	LIEUT. WOERFEL (10)	TRAINING	1416	1.5	1.5	14	320t	30	45	12-22, UNL, UNL		CONDUCTED FLIGHT TO TRAIN AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN USE OF ASR GEAR.
23	K37	LT(JG) ZDRALE (10)	UTILITY	0924	1.2	1.2	36	200t	22	26	34-40, 150-300, 0-1	3 MK 47 DEPTH BOMBS 1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB	OFF SHORE WEATHER REPORTING FLIGHT FOR NAB 13 ND AEROLOGY DEPARTMENT. BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
24	K37	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	UTILITY	0709	11.8	11.8	15	320t	40	472	5-20, 2000, 8-20		OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY

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MONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR APRIL 1945
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DESIGNATION:
OPERATING UNDER: TASK FORCE 06 (COMMANDER WESTERN SEA FRONTIER) AND TASK UNIT 06.3.1 (COMMANDER AIRCRAFT NORTH WEST SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER)
OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: COMMANDER NORTH WEST FRONTIER OPERATIONS PLAN 2-45
ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC
COMPOSITION: .5 ZNP - K TYPE AIRSHIPS
BASED AT: NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON
NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, SHELTON, WASHINGTON

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS IN AIR	HOURS ON MISSION	AVE. WIND VEL. (KTS)	AVE. WIND DIR.	SPD.	DIST.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
24	K71	LIEUT. SUHR (9)	PATROL (ASR)	0725	11.6	10.9	9	330t	48	557	7-16, 700-2000, 8-15		ASR PATROL IN AREA CHARLIE
24	K79	LIEUT. KLICK (9)	UTILITY	0702	10.6	10.6	13	300t	42	445	6-18, 300-UNL, 1-15		CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS VELLA GULF (CVE 111)
24	K87	LIEUT. WOERFEL (15)	TRAINING	1450	1.0	1.0	3	230t	30	30	2-5, 3000, 15		CONDUCTED FLIGHT TO TRAIN AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN USE OF ASR GEAR, WITH OBSERVERS FROM RCAF.
24	K87	LIEUT. WOERFEL (13)	TRAINING	1558	1.0	1.0	4	230t	32	32	3-6, 3000, 15		CONDUCTED FLIGHT TO TRAIN AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN USE OF ASR GEAR, WITH OBSERVERS FROM RCAF.
25	K37	LIEUT. KELLY (9)	PATROL (ASR)	0702	12.3	11.1	18	000t	39	480	18, 2000, 20		ASR PATROL IN AREA CHARLIE
25	K71	LT(JG) ZIMAL (9)	UTILITY	0659	12.3	12.3	10	000t	43	529	9-12, 1500-3000, 5-30		OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY
25	K79	LT(JG) ZOELLER (8)	MISCELLANEOUS	0929	2.3		10	030t	60	138	8-12, 3000-5000, 20		FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAAS SHELTON TO NAS TILLAMOOK.
25	K87	LIEUT. ANDERSON (10)	PATROL (ASR)	0705	5.2	3.8	15	045t	40	208	8-20, UNL, 20-30	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB	ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE. BOMB EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES
25	K87	LIEUT. ANDERSON (11)	PATROL (ASR)	1223	3.0	2.3	15	350t	51	153	8-20, UNL, 20-30		ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE.
26	K37	LIEUT. LEWIS (8)	UTILITY	0610	14.3	14.3	15	240t	50	715	10-30, 1500-5000, 20		CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS TENNESSEE (BB 43)
26	K71	LIEUT. GUSTAFSON (8)	UTILITY	0613	13.3	13.3	15	180t	45	599	12-18, 3000-4000, 5-15		OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY
26	K79	LT(JG) ZOELLER (10)	UTILITY	0620	10.4	10.4	15	215t	40	416	8-20, 5000, 15-UNL		CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS TENNESSEE (BB 43)
26	K87	LIEUT. ANDERSON (10)	PATROL (ASR)	0940	3.0	2.6	12	320t	62	186	8-15, 1000-3000, 20		ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE.
26	K87	LIEUT. HOSMER (9)	PATPOL (ASR)	1312	6.0	5.5	8	260t	40	240	8, 3000, UNL	60 RDS 50 CAL 75 RDS 30 CAL	ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE.
27	K71	LT(JG) ZIMALE (8)	ESCORT (2)	1342	9.7	9.1	8	320t	51	495	4-12, 2000-3000, 10-15		ESCORTED SS GEORGE F. ELLIOT AND SS CUSHMAN & DAVIS.
27	K87	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (9)	ESCORT (1)	1049	11.3	10.3	12	310t	45	509	10-20, 1000-UNL, 10-20	52 RDS 50 CAL	ESCORTED USS VELLA GULF (CVE 111)
27	K119	ENS. JACKSON (9)	TEST	1332	2.7		20	275t	45	122	20, 2000, 10		TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES.
28	K71	LT(JG) BAILEY (8)	ESCORT (1)	0502	11.3	11.0	7	190t	50	565	4-10, 100-300, 1		ESCORTED USS VELLA GULF (CVE 111)
28	K79	LT(JG) ZOELLER (9)	UTILITY	0827	8.3	8.3	5	210t	40	332	4-8, 3000-5000, 10		OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY
28	K87	LIEUT. WOERFEL (9)	MISCELLANEOUS	0754	13.5	13.5	5	310t	39	527	1-10, 2000-UNL, 0-UNL		ASR DEMONSTRATION VANCOUVER, B.C., FOR RCAF.
28	K119	LIEUT. LEWIS (9)	PATROL (ASR)	0628	11.8	11.[illegible]	12	145t	50	590	7-12, 0-6000, 0-20		ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE. SIGHTED LIFE RAFT 5 MILES NW OF DESTRUCTION ISLAND.
29	K87	LT(JG) GAEBE (8)	TRAINING	0142	5.4	5.4	15	180t	50	270	10-20, 0-200, 0-1	2 MK 47 DEPTH BOMBS 1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB	MISSION NOT CONTACTED DUE WEATHER. CONDUCTED RADIO AND RADAR NAVIGATION TRAINING FLIGHT. BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
29	K119	LT(JG) AYERS (8)	TRAINING	0135	4.5	4.5	15	180t	44	198	10-20, 0-200, 0-2	2 MK 47 DEPTH BOMBS	MISSION NOT CONTACTED DUE WEATHER. CONDUCTED RADIO AND RADAR NAVIGATION TRAINING FLIGHT. BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
30	K71	LIEUT. LEWIS (8)	ESCORT (1)	0536	17.8	17.0	16	350t	40	712	3-25, UNL, 0-25		ESCORTED USS CALIFORNIA (BB 44)
30	K79	LIEUT. SUHR (9)	PATROL (ASR)	0806	8.8	7.2	5	315t	48	422	5, UNL, UNL,		ASR PATROL IN AREA ABLE.
30	K87	LT(JG) PRIEST (8)	ESCORT (1)	0310	17.4	16.9	4	250t	50	870	2-15, UNL, 20	100 RDS 30 CAL	ESCORTED SS SACAJAWEA
30	K119	LT(JG) WHALEN (8)	ESCORT (1)	0448	12.5	11.8	5	345t	40	500	0-10, UNL, 0-20		ESCORTED SS CHRISTOPHER GREENUP

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MONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR APRIL 1945
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SPECIAL ACCOUNTS OF ATTACKS, RESCUES, ACCIDENTS, AND OTHER EVENTS OF PARTICULAR HISTORICAL VALUE.

2 APRIL: K87 SIGHTED A FLOATING MINE FOUR MILES OFF THE ENTRANCE TO GRAYS HARBOR, WASHINGTON. AIR CONTROL, NORTHWESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER WAS NOTIFIED AND THE K87 WAS DIRECTED TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS AND STANDBY PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF SURFACE CRAFT. COAST GUARD SURFACE CRAFT ARRIVED BUT WERE UNABLE TO DETONATE THE MINE. THE K87 THEN ATTEMPTED TO EXPLODE THE MINE FIRING APPROXIMATELY 250 ROUNDS OF .50 CALIBER. AT LEAST ONE DIRECT HIT WAS SCORED BUT DETONATION DID NOT OCCUR. THE K119 RELIEVED THE K87 AND AFTER FIRING ABOUT 50 ROUNDS OF .50 CALIBER WAS SUCCESSFUL IN EXPLODING THE MINE. THE MINE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED BY THE MINE DISPOSAL OFFICER, 13TH NAVAL DISTRICT, AS BEING A JAPANESE TYPE 93, MODEL 1 MINE.

3 APRIL: ON THE REPORT OF CIVILIANS SIGHTING A SUBMARINE OFF THE MOUTH OF THE SALMON RIVER, OREGON, AIR CONTROL, NORTHWESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER, DIRECTED THIS COMMAND TO CONDUCT A SEARCH. THE K87 AND K71 SEARCHED THE AREA. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

THE K119 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

5 APRIL: K37 AND K87 CONDUCTED A SEARCH FOR MINE IN VICINITY OF JFEX 0589. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

K119 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS LAWSON (DD 367) IN VICINITY OF PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

6 APRIL: K119 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS HARADEN, (DD 585) IN VICINITY OF PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

K87 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

7 APRIL: K119 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS HOWAN, (DD 782) AND ALSO OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

9 APRIL: K37 AND K87 CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE 40 MILES WEST OF YAQUINA HEAD. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

10 APRIL: K37 CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN VICINITY OF 44° 47' N, and 125° 00'W. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

K119 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

11 APRIL: K37 CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE 15 MILES DUE WEST OF CAPE LOOKOUT. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE

K119 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

12 APRIL: K71 WHILE ON AN AIR SEA RESCUE PATROL, RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE SS MARIMARI FOR RELAY TO THE OFFICES OF THE MATSON LINE IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON REGARDING THE ARRIVAL TIME OF THE SHIP.

K119 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS CHARETTE (DD 581)

K87 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

13 APRIL: K87 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS SIBONEY (CVE 112)

K71 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

14 APRIL: K119 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS CONNER (DD 582)

K37 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

15 APRIL: K119 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS BURNS (DD 588)

16 APRIL: K37 SEARCHED AREA IN VICINITY OF JFAD 3631 ON REPORT OF RECEIPT OF IFF CODE 5 SIGNAL. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

16 APRIL CONTINUED: K79 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS BELL (DD 587)

17 APRIL: K79 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

18 APRIL: K37CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

19 APRIL: K 79 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS TICONDEROGA, (CV 14)

20 APRIL: K79 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

21 APRIL: K79 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

24 APRIL: K87 MADE TWO FLIGHTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEMONSTRATING AIR SEA RESCUE GEAR TO RCAF OBSERVERS. AN OFFICER OF THIS COMMAND WAS SUCCESSFULLY "RESCUED" FROM TILLAMOOK BAY DURING THE DEMONSTRATION.

K79 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR THE USS VELLA GULF (CVE 111)

K37 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

25 APRIL: K71 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

26 APRIL: K37 AND K79 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS TENNESSEE (BB 43)

K71 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

28 APRIL: K119 SIGHTED AN EMPTY LIFE RAFT 5 miles NW OF DESTRUCTION ISLAND, AIR PLOT, ASTORIA WAS NOTIFIED.

K87 PARTICIPATED IN EXERCISES AT VANCOUVER, B.C. IN CONNECTION WITH THE CANADIAN WAR LOAN DRIVE.

K79 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

AIRSHIP OPERATIONS

MISSION	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS DAY	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS NITE	FLIGHT HOURS IN AIR	FLIGHT HOURS ON MISSION	TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN
ESCORT	26		350.4	334.3	15386
ESCORT-PATROL					
PATROL	33		327.6	300.5	14092
PATROL-UTILITY					
SEARCH	7	1	86.6	80.2	3725
SEARCH-PATROL					
TRAINING	10	2	47.4	47.4	2057
TRAINING-PATROL					
UTILITY	32		297.6	297.6	12317
TEST	5		9.4		404
MISC. (FERRY-2)	7		34.9	30.3	1563
TOTAL 123	120	3	1153.9	1090.3	49544

AIRSHIP OPERATIONS

AIRSHIP	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS DAY	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS NITE	AVAILABLE	FLIGHT HOURS IN AIR	FLIGHT HOURS ON MISSION	TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN
K- 37	23		26	269.4	259.2	11148
K- 71	28	1	30	346.3	328.9	15687
K- 79	15		16	107.4	100.2	4312
K- 87	29	1	25	220.1	204.5	9632
K- 119	25	1	25	210.7	197.5	8745
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TOTAL	120	3	122	1153.9	1090.3	49544

PILOT FLIGHT DATA

PILOT CLASS	NUMBER FLIGHTS	AVE PILOTS AS'GN'D	TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS	AVE. FLIGHT HOURS	HIGHEST HOURS	LOWEST HOURS
COMMAND	152	24	1343.9	55.9	123.8	8.0
SENIOR	149	14	1477.2	105.5	128.5	25.9
JUNIOR	90	8	885.4	110.7	137.2	51.7
TOTAL		46	3706.5	806		

AVERAGE NUMBER OF AIRSHIPS ASSIGNED (A) 5 (B) 0

TOTAL NUMBER SURFACE VESSELS ESCORTED 42

ORDNANCE EXPENDITURES

DEPTH BOMBS 8 MK41 14 MK47	22
MINIATURE BOMBS MK23	14
50 CALIBER MACHINE-GUN 225 .30 CAL	962
BRONZE SLICKS DYE MARKERS	3
FLOAT LIGHTS 3 MK4 18 MK5	21
PYROTECHNICS	0

(B) IS WING POOL AIRSHIPS AND IS INCLUDED IN (A)

NOTE: AIRSHIP OPERATIONS, AVAILABLE COLUMN-NUMBER OF DAYS EACH SHIP WAS AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS.

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